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1. The capacity of the soda plants in Stassfurt (M 52/D 6) and in Bernburg (M 52/D 76) is planned to be expanded to an annual total of 380,000 tons. The capacity of the Stassfurt soda factory is scheduled to be increased to an annual production of 75,000 tons by May 1951 and to 100,000 tons by October 1952. The Bernburg Soda Factory is scheduled to have an annual capacity of 200,000 tons of soda by 1955. (1) The Stassfurt Soda Factory and the Bernburg Soda Factory are planned to have also an annual caustic soda production of 1,000 tons and 50,000 tons respectively. The total costs for the expansion of these two soda factories are estimated at 100 million eastmarks.
2. The total annual caustic soda (NaOH) production in the Soviet Zone of Germany, including the production of the SAC enterprises, is scheduled to increase to 250,000 tons by 1955. The caustic soda is to be produced on soda basis not by electrolysis, as there is allegedly no possibility of using the chlorine released in the electrolysis. (2)
3. The annual production of sulphuric acid (SO₃) is planned to be increased to 400,000 tons by 1955. The production of sulphuric acid by the gypsum process of the Farbenwerke in Wolfen will be expanded, since there are not sufficient supplies of pyrites in the Soviet Zone. A by-product of this process is cement. (3) The annual production of phosphoric acid (P₂O₅) is to be increased to 93,000 tons by 1955. This would mean an increase of 63,000 tons over the 1950 phosphoric acid production. (4)
4. The synthetic rubber production of the Schkopau (M 52/D 91) Plant was set at 60,000 tons for 1955. (5) The potash production for 1955 was set at 2 million tons. According to source, this planned production increase may not be attained as the required installations cannot be recovered. (6)
5. The Rödelheim (M 52/K 07) Hydrogenation Plant's sebacic acid production by paraffin oxidation has already started, and this plant is planned to produce 20,000 tons of sebacic acid annually by 1951. In 1952 sebacic acid production is scheduled to begin in the Luetzkendorf (M 52/D 30) Plant. The amount to be processed annually by this plant is set at 30,000 tons. In 1953 sebacic acid production is planned to be started in the Zeitz/Troglitz (M 52/K 08) SAC Hydrogenation Plant which is also expected to process 30,000 tons of paraffin annually. (7) by the operation of

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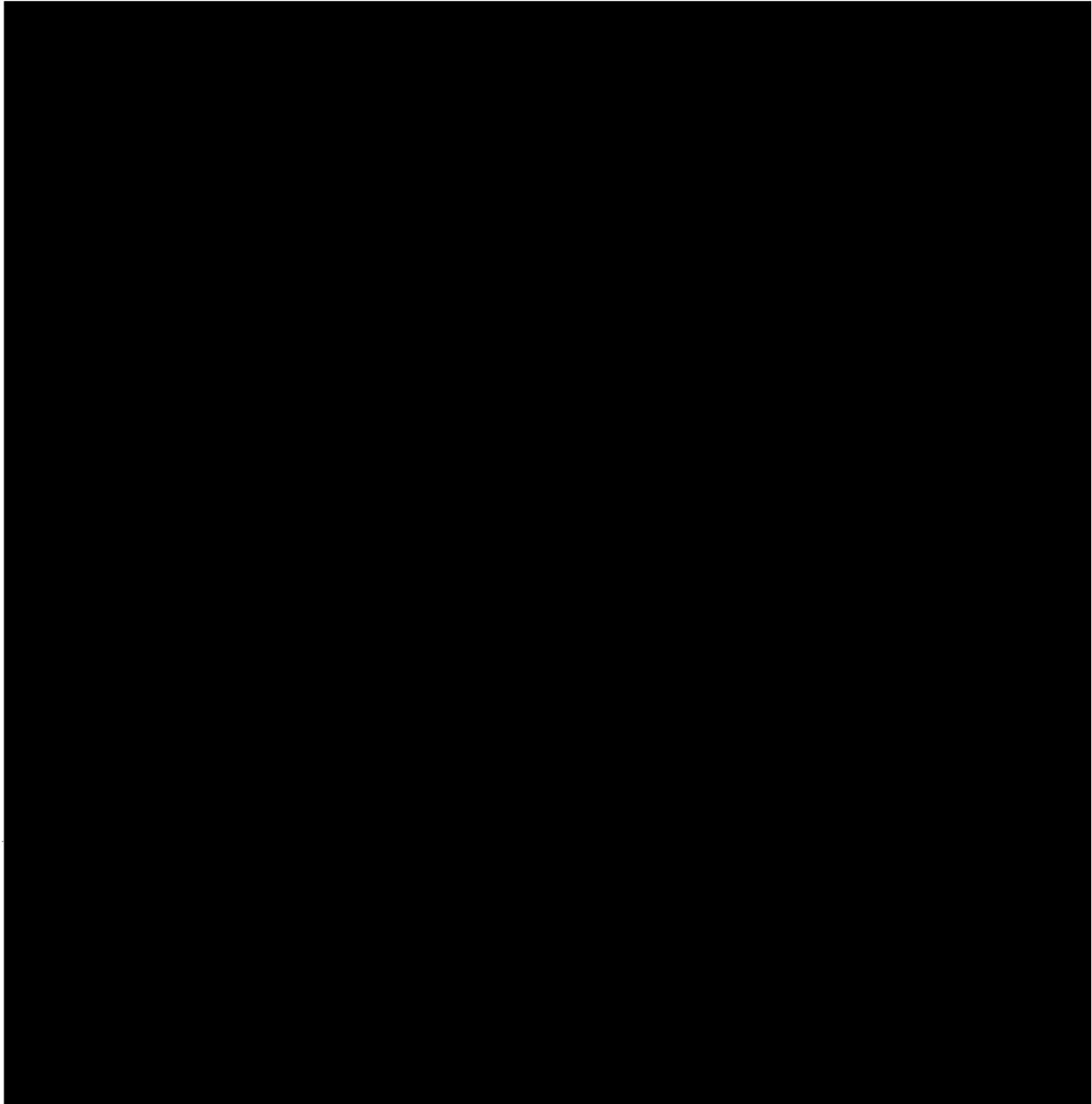
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two new coal hydrogenation chambers in the Louna Plant the 1951 gasoline production is planned to be increased to 180,000 tons, which is 100 percent above the 1950 figure. (8)

6. The investments for the entire Soviet Zone chemical industry, exclusive of the SAG plants, amount to about 75 million eastmarks in 1951, and to 100 million eastmarks annually from 1952 to 1955. (9)
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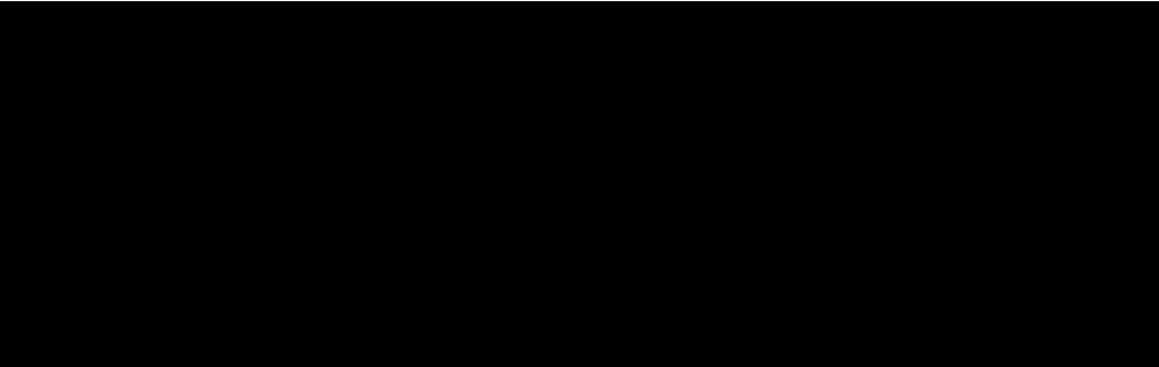
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